

CIS User Newsletter. Issue 1.

Welcome to the first number of an occasional newsletter dedicated to keeping the user community in touch with innovation survey related developments. There are several important announcements from the DTI side as CIS4 results come on stream and CIS5 looms on the horizon!

CIS4 Data Available.

The dataset generated by the UK Innovation Survey 2005 is now available for researchers. We are aiming to lodge the dataset in the generally accessible forms of the UK Data Archive and in the Business Data Laboratory. We will though continue to make the raw data available to bone fide researchers at UK academic institutions under a token contract with the DTI and subject to a non-disclosure agreement. A standard form of contract and the non-disclosure agreement are enclosed with this message. Please complete the appropriate sections of the contract form with the details of your institution, and return two signed copies to the Department, together with a separate copies of the non-disclosure agreement signed by each individual expected to access the dataset. A brief – ½ page summary of the prospective areas of research will suffice for Annex B, and will also give the DTI useful information on the research studies in hand.

The research dataset will be anonymised but will include a regional code for each respondent. We will consider requests for more detailed geographical markers such as Post Codes on a case- by- case basis.

Diary Dates

Launch Event

The 2005 survey has been a great success, thanks to professionalism of approach by our colleagues at the ONS and good team working between them and the DTI group. So to raise the profile of the survey as a source of information for government, researchers and business, we are planning a launch event to be held in London, provisional date July 7. This will be supported by the publication of a DTI Economics paper that presents some basic analysis and summaries of the survey results in a reasonably rigorous but approachable form.

Fuller details to follow.

User Group 2006

We are planning the usual user group meeting for mid September this year, to feature the outputs to date of research projects.

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User Group 2005

The papers or presentations from the user group meeting in July 2005 are accessible at:

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/iese/cisuser2005.htm>

Publication.

Some First Findings from the 2005 survey will be published in Economic Trends on March 14 this year. We will also put the pdf file on the Website

NESTI Blue Skies Conference.

Call for papers

NESTI, the OECD working group that is responsible for the Frascati and Oslo Manuals, is holding its decennial "Blue Skies" conference in Ottawa in September. The registration procedures and call for papers can be found at:

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/sciencetech2005/index.htm>

A link to the revised Oslo Manual is at http://www.dti.gov.uk/iese/Oslo_Manual_3.pdf

Research Funding

We are planning to commission a modest number of policy relevant research projects to exploit the new dataset. The approach we have in mind is along the lines of a call for proposals, rather than a traditional competitive tender for a tightly specified objective. **The call document will be issued through the user group network and placed on the CIS web page.**

Consultation on CIS5

The time available to congratulate ourselves on the success of the CIS4 exercise is short, as we have to start preparations for CIS5, to be launched in early 2007. There is scope under the Eurostat directive that governs the harmonised elements of the survey structure and design, to vary the coverage or questionnaire topics in alternate runs. While one option for CIS5 is to essentially re-run the CIS4 questionnaire, with a similar sample selection process, we also want to consider the possibility of varying the questionnaire. **We will therefore be consulting with stakeholders, including researchers, on the options for such variation.**

Basic information.

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Inquiries about all aspects of the survey or items of general interest to the research community for possible inclusion in future newsletters can be sent to any member of the team. Other CIS related material and other DTI innovation research and publications, with links to relevant UK and International sites are at the website:

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/iese/>